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Decline in Growth Rate in G.D.P.

2377. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME Impmementation be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline of growth rate in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1990-91;

(b) the reasons for steep decline in the public sector savings vis-a-vis increase in household and private corporate sector savings; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1990-91 at 5.6% is in line with the trend observed during the 1980's wherein the average compound growth of 5.6% was recorded. The GDP growth in 1990-91 appears lower than in 1989-90 because of higher than average growth in the preceding year (1989-90) when the GDP growth was 6%.

(b) There has been a declining trend in public savings in the 80s which has continued in 1990-91. As percentage of GDP, public savings declined from 3.4. in 1980-81 to 1.6 in 1989-90 and to 0.9 in 1990-91. This decline has been mainly due to worsening of Government savings consequent upon a sharper increase in expenditure of Governments than their revenues.

(c) Govt. have taken a number of measres to reduce expenditure and increase revenue earnings. The measures to contain Govt. expenditure include reduction in subsidies, absorbing the payment of additional dearness allowances by reducing other expenditure, reducing budget deficit in order to bring down the public debt and interest payments. The measure to increase revenue include widening direct tax base and raising indirect taxes.

Export of Defence Equipments by BHEL

2378. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports of defence equipments by Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited have been gradually declining;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in exports of defence equipments by BHEL at the end of 1991 as compared to the exports in 1990;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the countries to which exports have declined; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to tap the foreign markets for exports of defence equipments by BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) BHEL is not exporting defence equipment.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Inclusion of cost of services of Government Employees in GDP

2379. SHRI K.P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of services provided by the Government employees is included in the Gross Domestic Product;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and